

REMARKS

Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitation of claim 6, and amended claims 5 and 7 in light of that revision. Applicants have cancelled claims 6, 13-14 and 16-18. Claims 1-5, 7-12, 15 and 19-20 remain pending.

Claims 1-5 and 10-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Coleman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 3,896,354). This rejection is rendered moot by the incorporation of the limitation of claim 6 into claim 1. Applicants do not concede the correctness of the rejection.

Claims 16-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Coleman et al. in view of Sunahara (U.S. Patent No. 6,153,290). Applicants have cancelled claims 16-18 and therefore this rejection is moot. Applicants again are not conceding the correctness of the rejection.

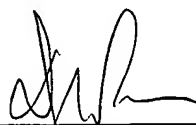
Claims 6-9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 15, and 19-20 were allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowability.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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